

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

The Status of the Claims

1-17 (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) The method of claim [[17]] 19, wherein step (e) further includes the steps of: sending the routing message further comprises [[c1]] sending a translated routing number.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, further including the steps of A method of routing interLATA network traffic, comprising:

receiving a query from a first service switching point at a switching control point;

determining, based on the query, if a call is an interLATA call;
when the call is the interLATA call, sending a routing message to the first service switching point, from the switching control point, the routing message identifying a hub service switching point;

[[d]] receiving a query from the hub service switching point at the switching control point;

[[e]] determining, based on the query, if the call is to a second virtual network; and

[[f]]] when the call is to the second virtual network, sending a response to route the call to a second hub service switching point in a second local access and transport area (LATA).

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein ~~step (f) further includes the step of: sending the response to route the call further comprises~~ [[f1]] sending a primary trunk group as part of the response.

21. (currently amended) The method of claim 19, wherein ~~step (f) further includes the step of: sending the response to route the call further comprises~~ [[f1]] sending an abbreviated dial code as part of the response.

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 19, further ~~including the steps of comprising:~~

[[g]]] receiving a query from a second hub service switching point at the switching control point; and

[[h]]] sending a response that includes a routing instruction.

23. (currently amended) The method of claim [[17]] 19, further including the steps of comprising:

[[d]] receiving a query from a hub service switching point at the switching control point;

[[e]] determining, based on the query, if the call is to an out of network call; and

[[f]] when the call is the out of network call, sending a routing response to an interexchange carrier point of presence.

24. (currently amended) A method of routing interLATA network Traffic, comprising the steps of:

[[a]] determining if an interLATA call is between a first virtual private network and a second virtual private network, the first and second virtual private networks facilitating at least one of abbreviated dialing or intercom dialing;

[[b]] when the interLATA call is between the first virtual private network and [[a]] the second virtual private network, routing the interLATA call over a tie line trunk group; and

[[c]] when the interLATA call is not between the first virtual private network and [[a]] the second virtual private network, routing the interLATA call to an interexchange carrier point of presence.

25. (currently amended) The method of claim 24, wherein step (b) further includes the steps of routing the interLATA call further comprises:

[[b1]] routing the interLATA call to a first hub service switching point; and

[[b1]] routing the interLATA call over the tie-line trunk group to a second hub service switching point.

26. (currently amended) The method of claim 24, wherein step (c) further includes the steps of: routing the interLATA call to the interexchange carrier point of presence further comprises [[c1]] routing the interLATA call to a first hub service switching point;

e2) ~~routing the interLATA call to the interexchange carrier point of presence.~~

27. (new) A method of routing interLATA network traffic, comprising:

receiving a first query;

determining, based on the first query, if the call is an interLATA call;

when the call is the interLATA call, sending a routing message to a first point from a control point, the routing message identifying a hub point;

receiving a second query from the hub point at the control point;

determining, based on the second query, if the call is to a virtual private network; and

when the call is to the virtual private network, sending a response to route the call to a second point in a LATA.

28. (new) The method of claim 27, further comprising facilitating at least one of abbreviated dialing or intercom dialing between the virtual private network and another virtual private network.